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Letters To The Editor

September 26, 1978

Sir:

As the November 7 election approaches it becomes a matter of extreme importance for the voters to carefully examine all the facts pertaining to the pari-mutuel issue and act accordingly.

Promoters of the measure have tried to fill the minds of the electorate with visions of purported tax relief, care of the elderly and what have you. These are their prime contentions which have been proven to be utterly false when our own economy is contrasted with that of pari-mutuel states.

Adoption of the measure would only benefit a few of the expense of the many, something our economy can ill afford. Passage of the measure would only open the floodgates to massive gambling.

There are a few who contend that people will gamble despite laws against it. The same could be said of murder and other crimes but we still have to concentrate on keeping such at a minimum. These matters keep our people ever on the alert to minimize rather imposing the pari-mnutuel millstone around our necks.

Our answer on the pari-mutuel issue should be an emphatic NO on the ballot on November 7.

Frank R. Coleman
Rt. 3, Box 112
Dillwyn, Va.

The Editor
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, VA 24522
Dear Sir:

Inflation And Big Spenders

Business economics are united in considering inflation the worst enemy and the Carter administration economically inept, according to the annual survey of the 3,000 member National Association of Business Economists released recently. The taxpayer rebellion that began with the passage of Proposition 13 in California has become the leading issue of voters in many states, to say the very least. The defeat of liberals Donald M. Fraser and Michael S. Dukakis by Prosposition 13-style opponents in Democratic senatorial and gubernatorial primaries in the most liberal Minnesota and Massachusetts cannot be overlooked.

Informed persons do not need to read the warnings of the National Association of Business Economists and to analyze the results of the Democratic primaries in Minnesota and Massachusetts to realize that they are overtaxed by a steadily growing rate of inflation. They realize that the growing government interfedrence is crippling the efficiency of private business and adding to inflationary costs of goods. Taxpayers likewise see daily people with baskets overloaded with lobsters, steaks, most expensive roasts and other kinds of luxuries paying with food stamps, while most taxpayers cannot afford to buy most of those goods. Food stamps promote the growth of, inflation and taxation to a considerable extent. Those are only a few examples of the growing inflation.

There are too many members of the Congress who have steadily spent tax money with both hands. After the defeat of Fraser and Dukakis some of them pretend to recognize fiscal responsibility. Some others said the taxpayer rebellion was a kind of disguised racism, a disregard for the interests of the needy.

Let us hope the voters will check voting records of all members of the Congress and all candidates and defeat the big spenders this fall.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis

October 1, 1978

Editor
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, VA 24522
Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the people who have been in attendance at the Drug Education Forum, that is being conducted to educate residents of the Appomattox area on drug use and abuse.

This series about drug use and abuse is long over due for the Appomattox area. Residents of the Appomattox area should be very grateful for the fine effort put forth by the various gorups and agencies to put together the Drug Education Forum. Also for some of the fine speakers that have taken time from their busy schedule to participate.

I would like to personally commend one of the speakers on the job he is doing to make Virginia a better place to live. He is Investigator C. M. "Max" Franklin. We should be very proud of the job he is doing, trying to make Virginia a better place for all of us to live. However, I must disagree with him on one statement he made at the Forum on Monday night September 18, 1978. The statement was this and I quote, "Most drug users have to leave the county to purchase drugs so we have more of a problem with users than with pushers." This statement is only half true. Mr. Franklin wake up and open your eyes. A "user" can go in any area of the county and obtain any kind of drug from marijuana to herion, he may even be able to buy drugs in downtown Appomattox if he knows the right people.

Once again thank you people of Appomattox and the surrounding area for taking a great interest in one of the major problems of our area.

Sincerely yours,
Ken Martin
Appomattox,VA 24522

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Mrs. Layne's 4-H

Mrs. Layne's 4-H Club met the month of September. Mr. Sweet opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge and Pledge of Allegiance.

We filled out enrollment cards and we were told that we could hand in projects in October.

We elected officers. They are President, Shawn Moore, vice president, Rhonda Morgan, secretary, Anthony Banks, reporter, Traci Moore and recreation leaders, Larry Hamlett and Traci Paulette and Jeff Sayer.

Shawn Moore than adjourned the meeting.

Traci Moore, reporter

Two New Great-Grandchildren

Mrs. Irvin C. Moses is shown in photo above with the latest additions in the family, two great-grandchildren.

She is holding Michael Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Garrett, who was born in June and Melissa Dawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy W. Garrett, born in May. Mrs. Moses is proud of all her 13 great-grandchildren and says it makes her very happy to have them visit with her.

Florida Photographer Lives In Past

John Coffer, age 22, of Olando, Florida spent Saturday night on the C.D. Lewis farm in Appomattox County.

A photographer, he wants to live and work like the photographers of 100 years ago. August 2, 1978, he started a tour from Intercourse, Pennsylvania and will travel by horse and wagon back to his home state of Florida. He has made stops at historical places where he sets up wagon-living for a few days at a time. While in Appomattox he visited Appomattox National Historical park. He shaves with a straight razor and even uses a "wash board" to do his own laundry but he really seems to be enjoying his way of life.

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The Pastor Speaks

When the Christian sets out to love his neighbor, he begins in humility, asking the same question the Lawyer asked in the long ago, "Who is my neighbor?" If he is really asking the question seriously, the answer will come, not in terms of flashing revelation from on high nor in terms of some romantic quest for sanctity. The answer comes in terms of growing awareness of need and a wish that you could do something about this. Then your neighbor appears not, as an object of pity or condenscension, but as a messenger from God, a person whose love and respect is all important. I cannot help believing that the world will be a better and happier place when people are praised more and blamed less; when we utter in their hearing the good we think, and also gently intimate the criticism we hope may be of service. For the world grows smaller every day. It will be but a family circle after while. "Am I my brother's keeper, Men even to this day, Keep asking Cain's question, In his sin guilt conscious way. No, not your brother's keeper, For Jesus blazed another, True path for men to follow. You are your brother's brother.

Rev. J. N. Williams, Pastor
Gladstone and Liberty Chapel
Baptist Church

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

JUST SHORT OF MURDER

Lesson for October 15, 1978

Background Scripture:
Exodus 20:13;
Matthew 5:21-24;
Romans 13:7-14;
1 John 2:9-15.
Devotional Reading:
John 10:7-15.

Rev. Althouse

It is probably safe for me to assume that no one reading this column has ever been guilty of murder. So, it would seem that we might justifiably skip over the commandment, "you shall not kill."

Right? Wrong! But don't feel too badly, for that's what many of Jesus' contemporaries thought too — that is, until Jesus helped them to view this commandment in a new light.

But I Say To You...

The trouble started when Jesus began to interpret the Ten Commandments in terms of what he held to be God's intention:

You have heard that it was said to the men of old, "You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement," but I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement...(Matthew 5:21-22).

In its origin: mandment did not lots of people. The never murdered anyone were not likely to do so. But as Jesus reinterpreted the original meaning of this commandment hardly anyone could escape its judgemen. Who has not been angry with a brother or insulted him or shouted, "you fool"?

If anyone thought that perhaps they had not understood Jesus correctly in this pronouncement, they had many other of his sayings to support it. They had the testimony, too, of men like Paul who admonished the Romans, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law" (13:8), and John, "Any one who hates his brother is a murderer..." (1 John 3:15).

First Be Reconciled

These would seem to be among the "hardest sayings" in the New Testament and to some minds they may seem somewhat irrational: hating as evil as killing? But Jesus and his disciples were not attempting to fix penalties or degrees of guilt, but rather to demonstrate that hate and murder are tied together. Murder begins in hate and even hate that never is expressed physically tends to "kill" because spiritual forces are just as potent — even more so — than physical ones.

The real purpose of God, then, Jesus is saying, is not simply to avoid murder and killing, but to give one's heart over to love and to hold that love back from no one. The worshipper may not have any murders to confess, but if he comes with something in his heart against another, then, says Jesus, "leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:24).

It is possible to stop short of murder and still break the commandment of God.

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Luanne Crain and Prizewinner "Dooley"

Luanne Crain and her Shetland Sheep dog "Dooley" took second place in the Working Dog Class at the State 4-H Dog Show in Richmond at the State Fair on September 22nd. Luanne has shown "Dooley" in the County 4-H Dog Show for the past three years. This year she won first place and the trophy for Senior Showmanship, First Place and The Trophy for Senior Grooming and 2nd place in Working Dogs. In 1977 she won 5th. In Junior Grooming, 5th in Costume, Junior, Showmanship, First Place and Trophy in Working Dogs, and the Best in Show Trophy. At the State Fair in 1977 she won third in Working Dogs and 9th in the Gymkana Class. In 1976 at the County Show she won 2nd place in Junior Grooming, 2nd Junior Sportsmanship and First Place and trophy for Working Dogs.

Luanne is a freshman at Appomattox County High School and has been in 4-H work since the fourth grade.

Virginia Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending September 30, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albemarle	5,147.24
Amelia	6,930.28
Amherst	7,195.17
Appomattox	13,168.98
Bedford County	3,938.59
Buckingham	14,239.26
Campbell	5,338.45
Charlotte	932.58
Cumberland	1,729.35
Goochland	366.89
Louisa	1,583.82
Mecklenburg	535.70
Middlesex	366.38
Nelson	7,280.35
Powhatan	672.24
Prince Edward	10,550.63
Prince William	539.88
Rockbridge	542.49
Total	81,068.28

We feel this information is of interest to the readers in Appomattox County and in adjoining counties.

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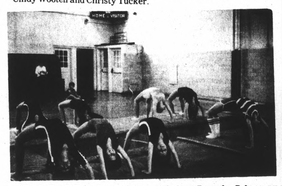
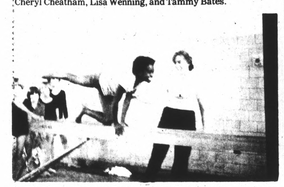
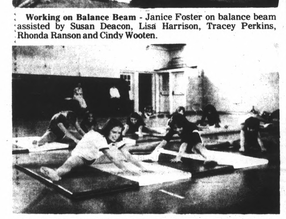
Working on uneven bars - Anne Kerr is shown on uneven bars assisted by Patsy Crawley. Left to right are Jeff Chauncey, Anne Nolen, Tonya Lambuth, Donna Dickerson, Cheryl Wooten, Cindy Wooten and Christy Tucker.



Back Bend Exercises - left to right are Beverly Coleman, Cheryl Mathews, Amy Kerr and Susan Eye, Julie Lettner, Cheryl Cheatham, Lisa Wenning, and Tammy Bates.



Working on Balance Beam - Janice Foster on balance beam assisted by Susan Deacon, Lisa Harrison, Tracey Perkins, Rhonda Ranson and Cindy Wooten.



Stretching Exercises on Mats - Julie White, Bev Coleman, Cheryl Mathews, Dana White, Sherry Williams, Penny Wooten, Julie Lettner, Cheryl Cheatham and Lisa Wenning.

Gymnastics Classes Offered By Y.W.C.A.

The YWCA of Lynchburg, at the request of several Appomattox parents, decided to offer a class in gymnastics in Appomattox County.

Through the cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board, the Appomattox Middle School and its equipment was made available one afternoon a week after school hours.

The registration response was overwhelming. The originally planned one class was expanded to three classes of fifteen participants each whose ages rangte from 6 years to 17 years. The classes are generally divided among age and ability levels, but students are encouraged to progress at their own rate.

The program is directed by Patsy Crawley and Susan Deacon. It consists of basic tumbling, gymnastic tricks on the uneven bars, balance beam and vaulting. The YWCA staff hopes to continue the program throughout the year if space and equipment are available.

The present classes will end on November 1. The staff anticipates offering another session before Christmas.

Registration will be announced later. There were approximately 30 students who applied after these class were filled; therefore, prompt registration for any available openings is necessary.

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